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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This information disclosure statement is being filed simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified divisional application. Therefore, Applicants do not believe that consideration of this information disclosure statement requires a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e). However, should the Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, the Commissioner is

hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required. However, Applicants point out that this application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/194,099 (hereinafter "the parent application"). With the exception of the last four U.S. patent documents listed on Sheet 2 of the Form PTO 1449 attached, all of the cited references were cited and considered during the prosecution of the parent application. With respect to the last four U.S. patent documents, Applicants believe these disclose and/or claim subject matter similar to that presently claimed here and in the parent application.

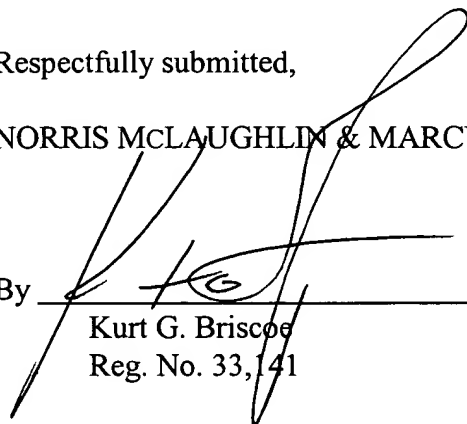
Copies of the last four U.S. patent documents are attached. Copies of the other references should be available from the parent application. See, 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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